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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 09/874,930	Applicant(s) WU ET AL.	
	Examiner Alpus H. Hsu	Art Unit 2665	

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#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-73 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 24-63 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-23 and 64-73 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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1. Applicant's election with traverse of group I, claims 1-63 in the reply filed on 01 July 2005, is acknowledged and is found persuasive. Therefore, all claims will be examined and treated on the merits.

2. Claims 1-23, 31, 64-73 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In Claim 1, the claim is rejected as vague and indefinite since the claim recites only a single means (i.e. compatibility coefficient calculator) and thus encompasses all possible means for performing a desired function. See *Ex parte Bullock*, 1907 C.D. 93; 127 O.G. 1580.

In claims 6 and 31, the expression/equation for approximation of the predetermined threshold (thres) is not understood as what each symbol stands for.

In claim 9, lines 2, 6, and 10, it is confusing for reciting "a compatibility coefficient calculator", "a reference coefficient calculator", and "a comparator" respectively. Are they referring to the same compatibility coefficient calculator, reference coefficient calculator, and comparator as in claims 1-3?

In claim 17, line 1, "said filter coefficient k" lacks antecedent basis since the claim depends on claim 7.

In claim 64, the claim is rejected as being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps. To be more specific, there is no essential step of how each array response vector is generated and transmitted, and how each array response vector is associated with its corresponding access terminal.

3. Claims 24-63 are allowed.

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4. Claims 1-23, 64-73 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.
5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

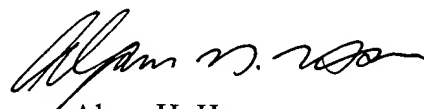
Scherzer et al., Shibutani, and Wong et al. are cited to show the common feature of terminal access scheduling utilizing array response vector similar to the claimed invention.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alpus H. Hsu whose telephone number is (571)272-3146. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (5:30-3:00) First Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy D. Vu can be reached on (571)272-3155. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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